

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Jack H. Schurlknight, Council Member District No. 6

A **meeting** of the **Committee on Finance**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, was held on Monday, **August 23, 2010**, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Jack H. Schurlknight, Council District No. 6; Committee Member Phillip Farley, Council District No. 1; Committee Member Timothy J. Callanan, Council District No. 2; Committee Member Robert O. Call, Jr., Council District No. 3; Committee Member Cathy S. Davis, Council District No. 4; Committee Member Dennis L. Fish, Council District No. 5; Committee Member Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council District No. 7; Committee Member Steve C. Davis, Council District No. 8; County Supervisor Daniel W. Davis, ex-officio; Ms. Nicole Scott Ewing, County Attorney; Mr. Joshau A. Gruber, Assistant County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

Chairman Schurlknight called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Schurlknight asked for approval of minutes from a meeting of the Committee on Finance held July 26, 2010.

It was moved by Committee Member Call and seconded by Committee Member Pinckney to **approve** the **minutes** as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

It was moved by Council Member Callanan and seconded by Council Member Fish to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the County; discussions of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property; receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending threatened or potential claim; or other matters covered by the attorney/client privilege; settlement of legal claim or the position of the County in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the County of a claim. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The Committee entered into Executive Session at 6:32 p.m., and returned to its committee session at 7:52 p.m.

Chairman Schurlknight: “Madame Attorney, will you report us out of Executive Session, please?”

Ms. Nicole Scott Ewing, County Attorney: “Mr. Chairman, the Committee went into Executive Session for the reasons stated in the motion. No action was taken.”

Chairman Schurlknight: “Thank you, ma’am. Next on the agenda, I would like to add the Trident Tech Nursing School, without objection. I would like to open it up for discussion. This is part of trying to find the funding for the Trident Tech and the nursing school. We’re looking at \$338,750.00, this year, funding for it, and I would consider a motion or enter discussion on how we might proceed with that.”

Committee Member Callanan: “Move for approval.”

Committee Member Steve Davis: “Second.”

Chairman Schurlknight: “We have a motion and a second. I know, we looked at this thing through our budget process, and as of everything else, the budget process was very tough going through that as far as taxes and stuff. But, the motion, I think, we’d be calling for, and ya’ll correct me if I’m wrong, is \$338,750.00 out of the Mt. Holly fee-in-lieu money for this year, and then address it again in the next budget coming up for the future on how we’re gonna continue the funding for that.”

Committee Member Callanan: “Discussion?”

Ms. Ewing: “Mr. Chairman, just for clarification, the motion that was just approved and seconded – what was that for?”

Committee Member Callanan: “That was to provide funding, \$338,000.00 from this year’s County Budget to fund our contribution this year to the Trident Tech construction of a nursing school.”

Ms. Ewing: “Out of the Mt. Holly...”

Committee Member Callanan: “Well, I didn’t add that, and I just want to bring that up for discussion if we can. I just want to...”

Chairman Schurlknight: “I think, we need to declare where those funds are...”

Committee Member Callanan: “Right.”

Chairman Schurlknight: “...but, \$338,750 to be exact is what we are looking at on that.”

Committee Member Callanan: “Three hundred and thirty eight thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars.”

Chairman Schurlknight: “Right; exactly.”

Committee Member Callanan: “My understanding is – oh, are we open for discussion?”

Chairman Schurlknight: “Yes, please.”

Committee Member Callanan: “My understanding on the way that we’re working the Mt. Holly money is that, that this year, \$500,000 is being used to pay down a loan to Water and Sanitation, and the remainder is going to rebuild our Fund Balance. Is that correct? So, essentially, it’s coming out of the Fund Balance.”

Chairman Schurlknight: “Yes, right; correct.”

Supervisor Daniel Davis: “It would.”

Committee Member Callanan: “So, in that case, I’m just saying it comes out of the Fund Balance for...”

Chairman Schurlknight: “Right; not out of new taxes; not out of a tax increase; correct. Any other discussion?”

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee on Justice and Public Safety Council Member, Mr. Steve C. Davis, Chairman

Chairman Steve Davis: “The Committee on Justice and Public Safety met earlier this night.

Transfer of Pooled Fire Fees for Rural Fire Departments

Chairman Steve Davis: “On recommendation of the Committee, I move to **approve** the transfer of Pooled Fire Fees to the Pimlico Fire Department, in the amount of \$22,800.00. (No second required.)”

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Steve Davis: “Also, on recommendation of the Committee, I move to **approve** the transfer of Pooled Fire Fees to the Whitesville Fire Department, in the amount of \$8,038.00. (No second required.)

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Steve Davis: “And, on recommendation of the Committee, I move to **approve** the transfer of Pooled Fire Fees to the Lake Moultrie Fire Department, in the amount of \$2,331.35. (No second required.)

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

(That concluded Chairman Steve Davis’ report.)

**2. Committee on Public Works and Purchasing
Council Member, Mr. Robert O. Call, Jr., Chairman**

Chairman Call: “Mr. Chairman, the Committee on Public Works and Purchasing met on August 9th and earlier this evening.

Transfer of \$6,510.30 from Contingency to Stormwater Management Program Department

Chairman Call: “On recommendation of the Committee, I move to **approve** the transfer of funds, in the amount of \$6,510.35 from Contingency to the Stormwater Management Program Department. (No second required.)

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

(That concluded Chairman Call’s report.)

**3. Committee on Community Services
Council Member, Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Chairman**

Chairman Pinckney: “Mr. Chairman, the Committee on Community Services met on August 9th.

Transfer of \$94,298.00 Match from Economic Development to Airport Department

Chairman Pinckney: “On recommendation of the Committee, I move to **approve** a budget transfer from Economic Development Department to the Airport Department, in the amount of \$94,298.00, and the 2.5 percent match of FAA Grant.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

(That concluded Chairman Pinckney's report.)

It was moved by Committee Member Steve Davis and seconded by Committee Member Fish to **adjourn** the meeting of the Committee on Finance. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

September 27, 2010
Date Approved